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1. The inland waterways fleet of the Czechoslovak-Elbe-Oder-Navigation-Company (CSPLO) consists of the following vessels:

a. Tugboats

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(1) Steam and motor-driven side-wheelers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>HP</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Crew</u>	<u>Captain</u>
PRAHA	1,000	overhauled five years ago	11	Alfred Beutel
BRNO	800	overhauled one year ago	11	Josef Lassak
MELNIK	800	good condition	11	Theodor Kretschel
DECTIN	750	good condition	11	Jarda Frantiček
VYSHEHRAD	750	good condition	11	Ladislav Skala
LOD MLADYZE	700	good condition	11	Josef Cervenka
PODEBRADY	600	poor condition	11	Milla Schultz
ROUDNICE	600	poor condition	11	Bedrich Michalec
KOLIN	450	fair condition	11	Ladislav Cihlar
KARLIN	450	poor condition	11	Antonin Rechenz
PLZEN	750	undergoing repairs	11	

(2) Propeller-driven:

BILINA	500	very poor condition	7	Franz Walter
SUMAVA	600	new	7	Jarda Etscher
TATRY	500	new	7	Jozef Schafrat
TOBOR	500	poor condition	7	Dekoi (fnu)
PETER BEZRUC	450	poor condition	7	Milla Angel
PREZOV	450	very poor condition (This boat has an automatic coal stoker for which a special type of black coal is needed that is shipped from Poland)	7	Heindorfer (fnu)

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<u>Name</u>	<u>HP</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Crew</u>	<u>Captain</u>
MOROVA		undergoing repairs	7	
VLTAVA		undergoing repairs	7	
BLANIK		undergoing repairs	7	
OSTROVA		undergoing repairs	7	
MOSKVA		undergoing repairs	7	

(3) Four tugboats (Rangierdampfer), each equipped with 350 HP engines.

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b. Fast Steamboats for Express Freight:

JIZERA	350	recently repaired	7	Hanaček (fnu)
BEROUNKA	350	poor condition	7	Jan Kočí
OHRE	350	poor condition	7	Rudolf Pekarčí
DUNAY	450	fair condition	7	Bohuslav Skala
SAZAVA	450	undergoing repairs	7	

c. Fast Motorboats for Express Freight:

LIBUSE	700	undergoing repairs	6	
LUDMILA	500	undergoing repairs	6	
KARL IV	500	good condition	6	Karel Bilar
OTOKAR	500	undergoing repairs	6	
RESSL	500	overhauled	6	Josef Dvorský
VACLAV	500	poor condition	6	Josef Benes
PIONYR	300	overhauled two years ago	6	Jerka Ballati
OREL	300	good condition	6	Bedrich Koksál
RADCEK	300	good condition	6	Rudolf Zak
SOBKOL	300	good condition	6	

d. Tankers, each with a capacity of 700 tons (all of them are now undergoing repairs):

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- (1) Five motor-driven tankers
- (2) Two tankers (Schlepp-Tanker)

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e. Barges

It is assumed that about 260 barges are now in use, but the exact number is not known. A much larger number of barges, however, is either undergoing repairs or has been scrapped. Barges [redacted], each with a capacity of 1,000 tons, were built before the war; 71 barges [redacted] have a capacity of 750 tons each; some of them are of newer design and were constructed in the CSR after 1945; the others, built before 1945, are up to 50% in need of repairs; 350 barges [redacted] have different capacities ranging between 700 and 1,000 tons; 50 barges [redacted] which have a capacity of 750 tons each, are of older design; [redacted] a few, however, in the CSR.

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2. Most of the vessels are [redacted] in need of overhauling in order to keep them in usable condition.

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